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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on February 15, 2005. No fee is due. However, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.

The specification is amended.

New claim 3 is allowable by its dependence from claim 1, which is argued for below.

The new claim is supported in the drawing and description.

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